



**Delaware Bicycle Council
February 6, 2008
DelDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Thomas Hartley, Kent County Representative
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative
Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative
Lisa Lasher, Delaware Greenways Council
Terry Berl, Smyrna Parks & Recreation
Tom Felice, Project Engineer

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Kari Glanden, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Baldwin, Project Planner
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General

Members Absent

Fred Breukelman, Dept. of Public Health Rep.
Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Don Carbaugh, New Castle County Rep.
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Rep.
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety
John Ray, Dept. of Education

Guests Present

Jeff Reigner, WRA
Denny Hemlin, WRA

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Anthony Aglio started the meeting off by informing the Council that the guests from Wheelman were unable to attend but the Annual meet will be held in Dover on July 10th. Anthony asked what the Council has to contribute to the event, any monetary donations or if the Council can be a sponsor? Doug Mills suggested that we invite the Wheelman representative back to the next meeting, or set up a meeting with just Doug, Anthony & the wheelman representative. Doug asked what the Council would be getting back in return for a contribution or sponsorship? Anthony stated that DelDOT has already created a map for the event. Tom Hartley suggested that the information be submitted to the newsletter & website.

Doug then asked that all members and guests introduce themselves to each other.

II. Old Business

Maps

Jeff Reigner and Denny Hemlin from WRA passed out a bike map status report. Currently they are working with cartographer on information for the map. The map is still scheduled to go to press at the end of March. The task that was given to WRA was to inventory 17,000 miles of roadway. There are 3 different classifications for the maps and they will be county wide. The scale has been doubled for the maps to provide better legibility. There is a trouble area with downtown Wilmington. The off road routes will be depicted and indicated on the map key. The map is currently 6-8 weeks away from going to the press. At this time WRA stated they will be sending weekly updates online and asking the council to comment back to them as quickly as possible about any changes, comments or concerns. Comments that were brought to attention were:

- Description of all the compliances
- Need for a disclaimer on the roadways
- Major routes on the map need to be shown, using basic colors; green indicates a good trail, yellow indicating use caution and red indicating the route shouldn't be used if at all possible.
- Certain sections of roads should be noted to stay off of
- Make sure roads that are usable are all listed b/c some are currently missing
- Note in the county maps what routes are challenging and how challenging they are.
- Note if some section is particularly dangerous and why
- Label rest areas
- Have comfort areas labeled
- Have State maintained areas noted

- It is missing the County parks information
- Park trail maps are online and can be used as a tool

Jeff stated that the weekly updates would start next week. Notes will be available for review. Please e-mail any information back. The goal is to have everything completed by mid- March.

DelDOT Updates:

Anthony updated route 1 Third lane project. The road is milled and is on schedule.

Anthony updated that bicycle friendly rumble strips have been completed and introduced.

Fritz mentioned that the IRIB is still in development. The project is a design build project. Overall the project includes a 5th lane and it is still a must to include the lane in the bid. Presentations are tentatively due by the end of March. Then it will be procured tentatively in May. The bridge is a 4-lane bridge with shoulders/bike lane.

Events:

Doug Mills brought up the following events:

On April 19th, New Castle is having their event at Bellevue State Park; Amy Wilburn is heading up the bike portion of that event. Amy stated to get a hold of her if you would like to participate.

Doug would like commitments early in the year from the Council to have proper representation at the events.

April 26th is Go Green Day, Doug would like members from the Council to lead a ride and also hand out information.

Bike week is May 12th-18th- Doug needs to meet with Senator Sokola to go over some information. He is looking at May 14th as the date for the Legislators Ride. This year he would like to have people register online, have an idea of attendance, and possibly have participants pay a small fee. This will help get commitments from people. He would also like to put together the schematics for the ride so that people can join in at different points on the ride if they can't ride the whole distance. Amy suggested we include times that the group will be at a certain location and honor those times for the participants that are joining in. She would also like to get the local high school students to join in as part of gym participation. Anthony Aglio stated that one issue that comes up with the schools is transportation. Doug suggested that instead have a Council event for the students to get the local schools active in the sport. Doug advised the Council that the Ride of Silence is the evening of May 14th. Doug also stated he would like more corporations to participate. The Blue Rocks game is May 23rd and also Delaware Risk Watch is going to be holding a contest with area schools to put together Delaware's own coloring / activity book in lieu of the Timmy the Dinosaur that is currently used. The students whose cover is picked for the book will be able to participate in the first pitch of the game.

Doug also suggested a Rumble strip ride. He would like to have an event when the cyclists are back during the summer season to help bring awareness to the new strips on Rt 1.

Winterthur

Amy Wilburn brought up the Winterthur issue that cyclists are banned from entering the park. She would like to send a letter or have a meeting with them to set up a new policy and maybe do a partnership with them. Most facilities are moving towards a bike friendly facility. White Clay, Bike DE, Urban Bike Project and other groups agree with sending a letter about this issue. She asked the Council to support the letter.

Fritz Schranck stated that there are conditions that Winterthur can be held responsible for so that may be why they are banning the cyclists. The cyclist do have a right to be there if the road is not designated as private property.

Doug Mills said he would draft a letter on the Councils position on the matter.

Rider Recognition Award

Doug suggested we have males and females of all ages sign up on the web-site, sending an email why they bike, how they contribute to the sport, how far they ride etc. The Council will then review the information at the end of the year and give the rider who deserves the most recognition a prize of some sort.

III. New Business

TMA

Doug Mills wants to set up a meeting with Roger Roy to get bikes for 2008. Anthony Aglio said there is a possibility to get bicycle education in the schools. One of the reasons the schools say it isn't in the curriculum is because they don't have the bicycles. Anthony proposed getting bicycles and having them rotate to different schools so that it can be incorporated into their physical education program.

Newsletter

Doug Mills informed the Council that the timeline for the newsletter is March 24th. He would like to have an article from everyone in the Council for the newsletter. Jennifer Baldwin asked that any and all events be emailed to her along with a short description of the event and she will include them in the issue. Doug also suggested local bicycle teams provide information for the newsletter. He would like all types of information including good, bad and ugly information.

December Party

Doug would also like to find a place to have a December holiday party for the Council.

Meeting Adjourned 6:57pm